REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 18-38 are pending. Claims 13-17 and 39-46 are cancelled without prejudice as being previously withdrawn from consideration. The Office indicated that claims 1-12 and 18-38 are allowed. The Applicant agrees with the Examiner that claims 1-12 and 18-38 are allowable for at least the reasons stated in the "reasons for allowance", and are also allowable based on other claimed features which are not shown in the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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